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John Ulmer

Sincerely yours,

My fear in this whole process is that we may react too quickly and over-correct the current problem, causing even more unfairness in the tax system. That is why I recommend waiting for these commissions to complete their reports. Many people have contacted me and I encourage your ongoing input regarding the future of Indiana's taxation systems. With your ideas behind me, I will work with others in the legislature to find the most efficient and effective ways to provide immediate relief and to reform our current property tax structure.

As you know, the biggest issue facing Indiana state-wide is property taxes. I am aware of the huge financial burdens Hoosiers are facing after the latest increases, and I know *changes must be made* to our property tax system. I support the work that the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Local Government Reform, headed by Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Shepard and former Governor Kernan, and the legislature's Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy are doing. Soon they will make their recommendations on how to change the current property tax system. I will remain in constant communication with these commissions to ensure that we have a fair taxing system.

Dear Friends,

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John Ulmer calls for \$200 million in property tax relief

1 Immediate Property Tax Credit

In 2007, House Democrats failed to control rising property taxes by passing a property tax rebate that homeowners will probably not receive until next year after taxpayers have paid their bills. The effect of this rebate will cause counties to incur thousands of dollars of expenses through a special mailing of the checks. This "relief" should have been calculated in the form of an immediate credit on tax bills.

2 Homestead Credit Extension

Homeowners should be able to receive a homestead credit on their property tax when they apply for one and not have to wait months for it take effect. This proposal would extend the filing deadline of the homestead credit.

3 Limit Local Property Tax Increase

Local officials should be held accountable for property tax increases that are driven by out of control spending.

4 End Unfunded State Mandates

Currently, local property taxpayers are paying to fund state programs like child welfare. Local governments and property taxpayers should not be responsible for paying for programs that are required by state bureaucrats in Indianapolis.

5 Reducing Residential Property Taxes

It is time to provide tax relief to homeowners by returning the state surplus to the taxpayers. Drastically reducing residential property taxes is a first step in the process of completely reforming the property tax system in Indiana.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

October 29, 2007

Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the Municipal Election

November 6, 2007

Election Day

For more information contact:

Elkhart County Clerk's office 574-523-2233

Don't forget you to bring your photo ID.

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Legislative Priorities

Illegal Immigration

Illegal immigrants should not fraudulently receive welfare or other benefits funded by our tax dollars. Providing government services to illegal immigrants sets a bad example and only increases the number of illegal aliens who flood across our borders every day. The rise of illegal immigration causes insurance and health care costs to skyrocket and can be attributed to increased violence in our cities. We should not reward people whose first act in our country is to break our laws.

Promote Military Benefits

Hoosier soldiers make tremendous sacrifices for us each day so that we can remain free. While we will never be able to truly repay them for their service to our country, we can provide them with additional benefits.

- Increase the military income exemption for Hoosier soldiers
- Expand the military family relief fund and opportunities for Hoosiers to contribute to the fund
- Provide additional support for the families of deployed soldiers

Job Creation

We need to create economic opportunity for every Hoosier. Over the past few years, Indiana has had a great deal of success on the job creation front. Several areas of the state have seen job creation announcements; however, others have not been as fortunate. It is crucial that all areas of Indiana have access to quality, high-paying jobs. I support efforts to target small business growth around the state so that all communities may benefit from creating jobs in Indiana.